

South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society
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The South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society has had limited activity during 2016.

The District's two senior status judges, Judge Lawrence L. Piersol and Judge Charles B. Kornmann, each had portraits made and then hung within courtrooms in the District of South Dakota. Judge Kornmann had a gathering and ceremony related to his portrait hanging, and material related to that event is now in the District of South Dakota's historical records. Also added to the historical records were the materials related to Judge Richard H. Battey's death and memorial service.

The Society has sent and resent examples of oral history interviews to those likely to conduct such interviews of Judge Piersol and Judge Kornmann, to create and preserve an oral history from those two judges.

A book was published in the early 1990s with biographical chapters on each federal judge. The Historical Society intends to update the book with chapters on Judge Piersol, Judge Kornmann, and in time the three active judges.

An effort was made to see where in courthouses wall displays of the judges having served in this district might be posted. There is some limited wall space outside of the main courtrooms in Rapid City and Pierre and in a hallway on the first floor in Sioux Falls.

The account for the South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society was closed a number of years ago, so there are no funds on hand.

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